

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Kay Raines on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Linda Kay Raines is one such estimable person who has served with probity for forty-four years with the McNairy County Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school at the age of seventeen, Kay Raines had to wait until her eighteenth birthday to become an employee of the State as a receptionist/secretary; she has served since Dwight Eisenhower was in office, under eight Tennessee governors and four county directors, and with numerous counselors and office staff; and

WHEREAS, When she first began her tenure with the State of Tennessee, Mrs. Raines worked with Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Disabled before it was converted to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and administration of the program switched to the Social Security Office; and

WHEREAS, She was present when Food Stamps were first issued at discounted prices, and she was responsible for collecting and accounting for all monies received and stamps

issued; later, she saw the time when food stamps ceased to be sold and were issued by mail instead; and finally, in the 1990s, she witnessed the conversion to the Electronic Benefit Card and the end of the actual food coupon; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, she saw the beginnings of Medicare and Medicaid, its expansion from older Americans to include children, and its eventual conversion to TennCare; and

WHEREAS, While the program names have changed and newer procedures have been implemented, the people have remained the same; as a life-long resident of McNairy County, Mrs. Raines knows most of the customers, their families, and the situations in which they find themselves; and

WHEREAS, She has been the first to see the desperate, the down trodden, and the anxious who have found themselves at her front counter, and, throughout her forty-four years of service, she has greeted and assisted them with the same civility and respect that all deserve and need; and

WHEREAS, Imbued with a wealth of patience and perseverance, Kay Raines has assisted in the proper scheduling of clients' appointments and recertifications, diligently explaining the requirements and documentation necessary for each program; and

WHEREAS, She has meticulously ensured that workers' time cards have been properly remitted for timely payment of wages earned, and she has assiduously calculated and recorded all earned annual and sick leave, ensuring proper credit; and

WHEREAS, She was instrumental in the physical setup of the office first located in the McNairy County courthouse, later in the old Ritz Theater, and, since 1991, in the present office; her positive attitude, willingness, and ability to adapt have contributed immeasurably to the success of the McNairy County Department of Human Services to provide the benefits to its customers, in a timely, accurate, and friendly manner; and

WHEREAS, An active member of both church and civic organizations, Mrs. Raines has played the piano at the Stantonville United Methodist Church since 1964, where, for many

years, she has served as the Treasurer; additionally, she is pianist for The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #330; and

WHEREAS, She has been involved in the planning and production of the annual Adamsville Belle and Beau Beauty Pageant to raise money for the OES Christian College Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Raines exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Her many accomplishments aside, Kay Raines is most appreciative of the love and support of her husband, Larry; her daughter, Nancy Jane Cooper; and her two grandchildren, Anna and Lauren; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her estimable career, Kay Raines has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Linda Kay Raines our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.